Sale of duplicate books

†2776. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether duplicate books are being sold on large scale in Delhi and Mumbai now like duplicate CDs;

(b) whether clonings of textbooks are resorted to like costly books of Harry Potter;

(c) if so, the number of persons arrested so far in this connection; and

(d) whether Government would bring a stringent law in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) No formal complaints addressed to the Union Ministry of HRD have been received in this regard.

This Ministry does not receive any formal complaints in this regard. However, piracy of copyright materials is a known phenomenon regarding which the Govt. of India frequently interacts with State Governments for effective implementation of the Copyright Act.

(c) This Ministry does not maintain any such record.

(d) There are adequate provisions in the Copyright Act, 1957, providing for civil and criminal remedies against such violations.

However, it is for the affected right holders to move the appropriate machinery for relief.

Applications for B. Pharmacy Colleges

2777. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AICTE is still holding up the applications pending for B. Pharmacy colleges in some States for two years;

(b) the reasons for the lack of proper and immediate response by AICTE to the long pending applications;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.